Supplementary Material

This document contains photographs of food waste taken by the authors in the province of Almería (Andalusia, Spain) and Ciudad Real (Castilla-La Mancha, Spain).

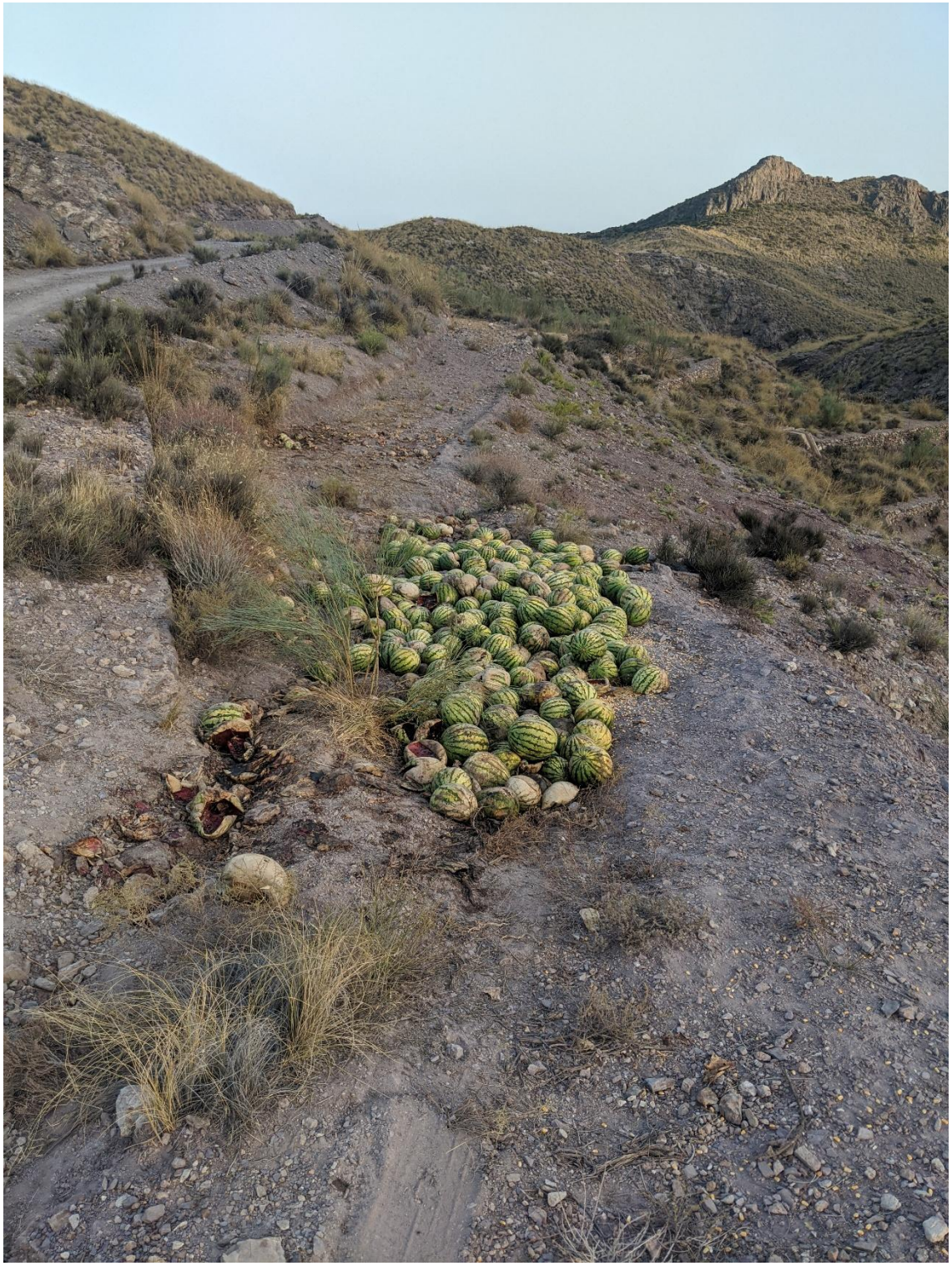


Figure S1. Abandoned watermelons in a ravine (2020). Source: Jaime Martínez Valderrama.



Figure S2. Abandoned cucumbers next to a greenhouse (2020). Source: Jaime Martínez Valderrama.



Figure S3. Discarded and abandoned cucumbers (2020). Source: Jaime Martínez Valderrama.



Figure S4. Abandoned watermelons that can be exploited by livestock if they happen to pass by (2020). Source: Jaime Martínez Valderrama.



Figure S5. Discarded tomatoes in a container awaiting transport for destruction (2025). Source: Jaime Martínez Valderrama.



Figure S6. Watermelons irrigated with water from overexploited aquifers (Western La Mancha aquifer, Ciudad Real, Spain) and subsequently abandoned due to their low price. These types of discards are not recorded in the FEGA database and have no other destination than to rot in the field (2025). Source: Juan Vázquez Navarro.